

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on March 22, 2005
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 732, 3/17/2005; HB 179,
3/17/2005; HB 559, 3/17/2005; HB
483, 3/17/2005; HB 295, 3/17/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 732

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DON ROBERTS (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 732, Stop identity theft.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus63a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus63a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:19 REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, HD 66, BOZEMAN

00:09:49 Ms. Kelsen Young, Self

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus63a03)

00:18:15 Ms. Pam Bucy, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of Mike McGrath, Attorney General

00:20:54 Ms. Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:25:43 Mr. Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

00:28:46 Mr. Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association

00:31:26 Ms. Claudia Clifford, American Association of Retired People-Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus63a04)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus63a05)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus63a06)

00:36:36 Mr. Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association

00:41:35 Mr. Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

00:42:48 Mr. Keith Colbo, Montana Independent Bankers

00:43:42 Mr. Cort Jensen, Montana Consumer Protection Office

00:45:08 Mr. Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

00:45:42 Ms. Jill Jarman, Montana Credit Union Network

00:46:01 Mr. Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

00:49:56 Mr. Ross Cannon, Direct Marketing Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus63a07)

00:52:08 Mr. Jerry Loendorf, Montana Consumer Finance Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:06 **Ms. Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association, also on behalf of Greg Van Horssen, State Farm**

Informational Testimony: None.

01:05:23

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:37

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. COCCHIARELLA will carry **SB 732** on the Senate Floor.

01:43:21

HEARING ON HB 179

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BOB LAKE (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on **HB 179**, Revise 1-stop licensing program & clarify initial requirement for business name.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:38 **Mr. Mark Simonich, Secretary of State's Office**

EXHIBIT(bus63a08)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:51:44 **Mr. Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue**

01:53:25

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:22

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:04

HEARING ON HB 559

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BOB LAKE (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 559, Letter of credit as security for public contracts.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:57:07 Mr. Keith Colbo, Montana Independent Bankers
01:58:32 Mr. Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association
01:58:53 Mr. Harold Blattie, Montana Association of
 Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

02:00:50

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:57

HEARING ON HB 483

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BOB BERGREN (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 483, Binding arbitration for police officers.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:07:37 Mr. Tim Hawkins, Montana Police Protective
 Association
02:11:25 Mr. Dave Cardollo, Union President, Billings
 Police Officers
02:13:41 Mr. Ralph Danzer, Senior Sergeant, Lewistown
 Police Department
02:14:15 Mr. Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees
 Association
02:16:54 Mr. Troy Holt, Police Officer
02:19:32 Mr. Pat Clinch, Montana State Council of
 Professional Firefighters
02:21:18 Mr. Jay Hatton, Laurel Protective
02:21:31 Ms. Jody Guillian, Police Officer

02:22:19 Mr. Doug Oberman, School Resource Officer
02:23:04 Mr. Alan Bardwell, Senior Sergeant of Patrol,
 Kalispell Police Department
02:24:01 Mr. Tim Falkner, Police Officer
02:24:25 Ms. Stacy Danzer, Police Officer

Opponents' Testimony:

02:24:50 Mr. Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
02:28:52 Mr. Rick Harden, Human Resources Manager, City of
 Billings
02:34:34 Mr. Chris Kukulski, City Manager, City of Bozeman
02:41:42 Mr. Joe Mazurek, City of Great Falls

Informational Testimony:

02:42:12 Mr. John Andrew, Department of Labor and Industry

02:42:35

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:59:01

Closing by Sponsor:

03:03:39

HEARING ON HB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 295, Prohibit expiration of gift cards and certificates.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:09:02 Mr. Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association
03:12:43 Mr. Cort Jensen, Montana Consumer Protection
 Office

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

03:14:01

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:18:45

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:20 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

VC/ag

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus63aad0.TIF](#))